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TAGS: OLOS, ENRG, PFOR, US, LY, TS

SUBJECT: BUTTES INTERNATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL SHELF
DISPUTE

REF: TUNIS 5100, STATE 158101

1. MR. PHILLIP BENNETT, LAWYER FOR TRANSWORLD DRILLING
CO., CAME TO DEPARTMENT JULY 21 TO BE BRIEFED ON NATURE OF
DISPUTE BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF
IN AREA PROPOSED FOR DRILLING BY BUTTES RESOURCES
INTERNATIONAL. DEPTOFF SHOWED HIM GEOGRAPHER'S MAP SHOWING
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CLAIM LINES, LIBYAN BOUYS AND PROPOSED SITE AND GAVE

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HISTORY GOT-LARG POSITIONS AND THE NATURE OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS. USG POSITION, DESCRIBED REF B, WAS SET OUT AS WELL AS ADVICE WE HAD GIVEN BUTTES.

2. BENNETT INDICATED ODECO HAD TURNED DOWN BUTTES' OFFER AND TRANSWORLD (A SUBSIDIARY OF KERR-MCGHEE CORP.) WAS CONSIDERING THE USE OF ITS RIG NOW STATIONED OFF BOMBAY. INSURANCE WOULD BE A PROBLEM HE SAID. BENNETT SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON THE 22ND BUT WE HAVE NOT HEARD FURTHER. KISSINGER

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